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Always Pure
and Clean
and Kept Good
in the Sealed
Package

Freight Rates And Business

A special committee of the House of Commons has been appointed to study the whole question of freight rates with a view to bringing about a reduction in the existing high freight rates, which it is generally agreed, is having a detrimental effect on business, in operating to prevent a revival in industrial activity, and is particularly paralyzing to Western agriculture.

The problem of reducing rates in the face of an annual deficit of many millions of dollars in the operation of the National Railways is admittedly a difficult one. The National Railways badly need every dollar of revenue they can get, and a substantial reduction in freight charges may prove a very serious matter for them. Yet anything less than a substantial cut will be ineffective in providing a much needed stimulus to business and an appreciable aid to the farmers of the country.

There is, however, much force in the argument that a lowering in the carrying charges of the railways will not necessarily mean a reduction in net revenue earned. On the contrary, it is well within the realm of probability that the result would be an increase in revenue. Present rates are seriously close to the line where they amount to actual prohibition of traffic, and if a reduction of rates has the effect of stimulating business, the volume of traffic, the earnings of the railways may easily record increases rather than the much feared decreases.

Support for this view is found in a comparative study of the figures of revenue and expenditure of Canadian railways for the years 1920 and 1921. Freight rates were increased in September, 1920, and partly reduced in January, 1921, and in December, 1921. If the arguments of those opposed to rate reductions is good, then the operating deficit of the railways should have been greater in 1921 than in 1920. Yet the reverse was the case. The deficit on the old Canadian Northern system was nearly \$100,000 less in 1921 than in the previous year; the deficit on what was known as the Canadian Government Railways, namely, the Intercolonial, was about \$200,000 less, being reduced by \$500,000; the Grand Trunk Pacific, which showed a loss of \$10,000,000 in 1920, dropped to just under \$10,000,000 in 1921.

There is also a strong case for the view that the operation for 1921 of something over \$16,000,000 more in 1920 the total was over \$27,000,000. The operating profit of the old Grand Trunk was increased and so, too, was that of the Canadian Pacific.

Of course, there may have been, and undoubtedly were, other factors contributing to the betterment shown. Nevertheless, the figures would seem to point to the conclusion that rate reductions were not in themselves disastrous. In fact, on the contrary, they proved beneficial and were contributing factors in bringing about a marked improvement in railway finances.

Admitting, however, for the sake of argument that substantial rate reductions will result in an increase in operating deficit, the case for the National Railways, the question arises whether it would not be better to face that possibility and meet the loss out of general taxation for a year or two, if through such reduction in rates, there was marked encouragement given to agriculture, manufacturing and business generally throughout the Dominion with a consequent lessening in unemployment and increased buying power of the people and some return of prosperity.

The present deficit of the National Railways is a heavy one, and constitutes a very real burden for Canadian taxpayers. It is almost beyond their very best, however, through lack of employment and general business depression, they have not the money. The matter how light taxes may be people cannot pay them without money, and in the end, it is the farmer or earning money. But with a return of business and more employment the people would be able to more easily pay even somewhat heavier taxes, if necessary, to meet the deficit in railway rates.

The railways are one of the chief agencies in the upbuilding of trade and commerce, and if their rates are maintained at a level so high as to restrict traffic, they are not helping either commerce or the people and are, in fact, being created to serve, but are, as a matter of fact, killing the goose that lays the golden eggs.

The experiment of enforcing a substantial reduction in freight rates as a means of reviving business throughout Canada, and giving some much needed encouragement to agricultural production, may well be tried at this time.

New Postage Stamp Issue

Will Make Number of Changes in Canadian Stamp Colors

A number of changes in the color of Canadian postage stamps are being made to conform with the new international regulations. A gray color had once been used in being failed to replace the old green one of the stamp which has been in use many years, and as the various post offices exchange stamps, the new stamps will be replaced with the new issue.

The red twenty-cent stamp is being replaced with a green stamp. The red twenty-cent stamp is being replaced with a green stamp. The red twenty-cent stamp is being replaced with a green stamp.

Recalls Days of Nelson

Mary Ann Carr, born on Nelson's ship, is Dead at Age 83
Mary Ann Carr, who was born in the cockpit of Nelson's ship, died at the age of 83, after the spot where the famous Admiral fell, has just died at Port Moody, at the age of 83.

Her memory of her early days aboard the ship was fresh up to within a few days of her death. She never was married, and her only child, a son, died in the same manner as she, in her mind suffering remained living in her mind through her long life. Only once did she see such a sight for on other occasions she was sent away to be spared the spectacle.

IT HELPS

Constipation is simply dirt in the bowels. It is a common ailment. It is a common ailment. It is a common ailment.

Constipation Is Relieved

Prompt, Permanent Relief

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS

Relieve after dinner

Small Pill—Small Dose—Small Price

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Overcrowded Britain

An eminent statesman reminded me the other day in the midst of the war the population of Britain has increased by 2,000,000 during the last decade. It is not surprising that the country could support them all, and it is not surprising that the country could support them all, and it is not surprising that the country could support them all.

A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

When the Blood is Out of Order the Nerves are Shaken

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Keep Your Shoes Neat
Shoe Polishes

Canadian National Excursions

Plan Your Summer Trip Via the National Route

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Farmer Premiers

Five of the Provincial Premiers Are Farmers by Occupation

When the Premier of Manitoba makes the point that he is a farmer he calls attention to the fact that farmer premiers are quite common in Canada.

The Premiers of Manitoba and British Columbia are Liberals in politics and farmers by occupation. The Premier of Saskatchewan is a farmer in politics and is down in the Parliamentary Guide as a farmer by occupation. This accounts for five of the nine provincial premiers.

The three of the others are lawyers, and the fourth a merchant—Vancouver Province.

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War Base at Suez

Has Been Dismantled

Was One of Greatest Cities During World War

What was once considered the greatest military dump in the world, the British army base on the east side of the Suez Canal, has now almost entirely returned to the wilderness of sand and silence where it rose.

In 1914, El Kantara was merely the name of a "place" on the Suez Canal, 45 minutes by train from Port Said. With the beginning of the Palestine campaign, the transformation began. Engineers, engineers and army service corps detachment mapped out a town.

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Mrs. Edmonds Makes Gair of Fifteen Pounds

"I Honestly Believe a Place Saved Her Life," Declares Husband in Remarkable Statement Praising Master Medicine.

"The way Tanaka has restored my health and built her up makes me one of the happiest men in Canada," said Wm. A. Edmonds, 393 King Edward St., Winnipeg.

"Two years ago my health began failing and she suffered terribly from indigestion, gas on the stomach and heart palpitation. Her head and back pained her continually and she had nervous spells when she would shake like a leaf. Finally her strength left her entirely and she was confined to her bed for one solid year."

"Everything possible was done for her and almost as a last resort I had her try Tanaka. After taking while she began to improve, and today her health is fully restored. She is not only in splendid health, but she has gained fifteen pounds in weight. I honestly believe Tanaka saved her life."

Tanaka is sold by all good druggists.

Save the Surface.

America Spends Almost as Much on Cosmetics as on Education

The American people spend annually \$750,000,000 for face powder, cosmetics, hair oil, and other things, and \$100,000,000 for education. It is interesting to note that the amount America spends for face powder and cosmetics is almost equal to the amount she spends for her entire educational system.

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Set-Rocker and Chair Upholstered in Redman Leather, Reg. \$30. Special \$20.00

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CITINGS
OF
TOWN AND
DISTRICT

Local News.

Wednesday, May 21st, is Victoria Day, and will be observed as a holiday.

Mr and Mrs Hugh Miller motored to Edmonton on Friday.

Mr and Mrs A. A. Graham were in Edmonton over the week-end.

Mr and Mrs W. L. Steele attended the University convocation on Friday.

R. B. Siaty, of Rimby, was a distinguished visitor in town on Monday.

E. W. Hutchins, inspector, Bank of Montreal, is in town on bank business at present.

W. J. Flansburg, of Springdale, shipped a fine bunch of fat cattle from this point on Tuesday.

W. L. Steele has sold his lumber to Geo. E. Bowker and his interest in the implement business to Messrs Brady & Morgan.

Mr and Mrs R. M. Whittecon returned from the Western States the other day. Mr Whittecon feels somewhat improved in health by the change.

Miss Ivy Steele has been successful in obtaining her B.A. degree, University of Alberta. The Herald extends congratulations.

R. P. Burchall, C.E., of Rimby, was in town on business Monday. Mr Burchall goes to the south country on survey work during the summer months.

P. R. Stewart returned on Friday from an extended visit to Scotland. He had a fine holiday, and may make another trip. There are several attractions on the other side, and P. R. is very fond of the mountains.

Mr and Mrs A. D. Crawford are to be congratulated for the manner in which they are improving their property. Planting trees and flowers and laying out the lawn, they will soon have the neatest residence in Ponoka.

The first half holiday of the season was utilized to good advantage in the way of tidying up and putting in garden. Much work has been done about the houses this season, and Ponoka is making a very creditable showing in this regard.

Harry Smith opened his ice cream parlors with due ceremony on Monday. There was a good attendance of the general public throughout the day. Dr. Graham presided at the opening ceremony, which was enlivened by buzzpipe music and martial airs. Among the distinguished crowd were observed the post office and Herald staffs and the proprietor and clerks from the A. Reid establishment. Mr Smith has his parlors neat and tidy, and but awaits your arrival.

A miscellaneous shower was given to Miss Margaret Haney in the Empress Theatre on Wednesday evening, the 19th. There was a large attendance, and the popular young bride-to-be received many valuable and useful presents.

Rev. C. Bishop and C. H. Curtings attended a district board meeting in Wetaskinaw on Friday.

R. M. Whittecon is erecting a residence in the west end of Donald Avenue.

A. B. Wiancko has commenced the erection of a garage on Donald Avenue. He is putting up a very substantial building.

Fishing opened on Monday, but reports are somewhat conflicting as to the amount of sport on the river. Any fish caught ought to be prime eating.

A number of local Oldfellows and Rebekahs journeyed to Millar on Sunday and attended church with the brethren there.

Baseball? Ponoka has the players, the grounds, the bats and the balls, but no outside teams to play with. That is how matters stand.

Fire broke out in the Rev. C. Bishop's barn on Wednesday of last week. There was a ready response to the alarm and the fire was speedily under control before much damage was done.

The Rio garage is located on Railway Street, just north of the Algar store.

ABSENCE.—On Saturday, May 13, to Mr and Mrs Harry Arait, a son.

DEPARTURE.—On Monday, May 15th, to Mr and Mrs Wallace Dewhurst, a son.

PATENT.—On Monday, May 15th, to Mr and Mrs Ed. Patenaude, a son.

The rain on Tuesday was just what was needed, and now the grain and garden and all vegetation are showing up exceptionally well. Give us a little more moisture and warm sunshine and the somewhat late season will be forgotten.

Men of the Union church, your help is desired in an effort to clean up and beautify the church grounds, on Thursday afternoon, the 18th. Come and bring your spade.

All Baptists in Ponoka and district are called to a re-organization meeting of the church in Ponoka on Monday, May 22nd, at 8 p.m. This is made necessary by reason of over one hundred per cent. increase in the past two years. If you must play for the future, if you are a Baptist, wherever you are, and wherever you are, this is a call to you to be true to the faith. Baptists! Why hide the light under a bushel?

A meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star will be held in the lodge rooms on Thursday evening, May 18, at 8 o'clock. Visiting members welcome.

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The Hospital Football Club opened the season with a visit from the Red Deer club on Wednesday evening. Red Deer won the toss and played with the setting sun at their backs, but, in spite of this, the Hospital eleven were the first to show in the game, and for a time maintained their opponents in their own half of the ground, but lack of understanding amongst the forwards combined with good work on the part of the Red Deer defence kept the goal intact. However, after about ten minutes' play, Hales opened the scoring for the Hospital with a shot which gave the Red Deer goal-keepers a chance. Red Deer retaliated strongly and within a few minutes scored the score, their outside right being the scorer. Again they visited the Hospital goal, but failed to find the net although one shot struck the post and rebounded into play. Half time being called the score stood one all. Play in the second half was very even, both goals being visited in turn, and on occasions running narrow shaves, but no more goals were scored, and the game ended in a draw, which is a good index of the play. Mr. Hales carried out the duties of referee quite capably. The Hospital team are hoping to travel to Red Deer to play the return game on May 25th.

CHURCH NEWS

ST. MARY'S
Sunday, May 21.—Morning service 11 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m. In future there will be two morning and two evening services each month. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays, service will be at 11 a.m. and on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

BAPTIST

Sunday, May 21st—Brooks, Sunday school at 11 a.m.; church service at 12 noon, church service at 2 p.m., Ponoka, Sunday school at 11 a.m.; evening worship at 7:30. Subject, "The World's Sin-bearer." An important message in view of the close of the year. We cordially invite you to these services. They are free, full, hearty, spiritual. We have no creed but the Bible, and we teach nothing but the sacred scriptures. The Wednesday evening conference and prayer meeting at 8 p.m. Commencing a series of studies on the Atonement. They will be worthy of every Christian's attention. He present, bring a friend.

Choir practice on Friday evening at 8 p.m.

C.S.I.S.

Sunday, April 22.—11 a.m., "Vandalism—Man's First Sacred Task," 2:30 p.m., "Modern Restlessness," 7:30 p.m. You are heartily invited to these services.

The Women's Missionary Society will meet on the Friday of this month on Friday, May 19, at 8 p.m. All ladies are invited.

Choir practice on Friday at 8 p.m. girls practice at 7:30.

Rev. R. C. Taylor, B.A., will preach at the Union Church on Sunday, May 20th.

Episcopal school—Rev. C. Bishop will preach on Sunday at 3:15. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. Sunday school session will commence at 2:30 prompt.

Government Cream

Grading Starts

Elimination of the cream buying the grading stations, and the inauguration of the system of government grading, which came into being last Tuesday, has had its immediate result in the announcement of an increase of five cents per pound paid to the farmers for cream. This announcement was made by E. T. Love secretary of the Alberta Dairy-men's Association, who said that the new high price was being paid by all creameries in Alberta.

Inauguration of Government grading of cream has placed cream grading on such a basis of certainty that the dairies and creameries now feel justified in fixing in immediately a premium for high grade cream, high enough to make a substantial inducement for farmers to produce the highest grade. Hitherto, with the grading of cream a great uncertainty, this differential price between grades was kept so close as to offer little inducement. Now, another five cents have been added to this differential and the producer of cream finds himself faced immediately, as a result of the operation of the new system, with a fact which gives him the greatest encouragement to produce the very highest grade of cream: his herd and his equipment is capable of producing.

Over thirty Government graders were at their posts in different parts of the province last week, entering enthusiastically into the spirit of the new movement calculated to set the dairying industry back upon its feet.

Before being sent to their posts, the Government graders underwent a short course of instruction under the direction of C. P. Marker, dairy commissioner, at the University at Edmonton. At the last session of this short course the graders as well as representatives of creameries were addressed by officials of the Department of Agriculture on the importance of their duties. Hon. Geo. Howley, E. A. Craig and Mr. Marker all emphasized the fact that the department was looking to the new system of grading and marketing of cream to bring about a revival of the dairy industry in this province and to put it upon a basis that would eventually bring it to

the stage of the most important branch of agriculture, and to addition recover markets which Alberta better formerly held.

The particular function of these graders will be to grade the cream delivered at the creameries. They will have nothing to do with setting the price for cream, nor will they act in any way as an arbitrator between the creameries and the farmers.

The Dairy Commissioner, Mr. Marker, has expressed the opinion that the new system will bring the production of high quality cream back to where it was in 1919 in one year, and in two or three more satisfactory basis than it has ever known in the province.

The new system of Government grading of cream is the first to be inaugurated in the history of Canada, and, so far as is known, in any other country.

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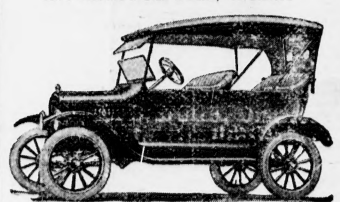
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